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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 54.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Does the gentlewoman from California seek recognition?

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Yes, sir. I seek recognition to get an explanation of what happened on C-SPAN today.

Did this House have anything to do with it?

I would like to explain that today while I spoke on the House floor on H.R. 78—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will suspend.

Is the gentlewoman seeking unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute?

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Yes, I am.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentlewoman is recognized for 1 minute.

#### HOUSE INVESTIGATION REQUESTED IN RE C-SPAN INTERRUPTED BY "RUSSIA TODAY"

(Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, today while I spoke on the House floor on H.R. 78, the state-owned Russian channel called "Russia Today" suddenly interrupted my speech, and C-SPAN coverage was replaced with Russian programming.

Can the Chair please explain the proper rules for coverage of House floor proceedings? How did this happen?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will inform the gentlewoman that the Chair has no information on this at this point.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to request an investigation of this incident because it does not seem to be coincidental. I was speaking about the SEC, and I was speaking about President-elect Trump and how he could influence the SEC and his relationship with Russia when I was interrupted.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As debate, the gentlewoman's remarks will appear in the RECORD.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair cannot unilaterally grant an investigation. The gentlewoman is welcome to use whatever other procedural means that she may have at her disposal to effect a result.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. I thank the Chair. I have made it known. I have asked for the investigation. If there is no assistance from the House, I would appreciate allowing other kinds of cooperation.

I must say this, Mr. Speaker, if we were sitting in on the House and if we were streaming, then the House would know what to do since they investigated our past actions when we were trying to bring attention to gun violence in this country. So I don't really accept the fact that the House has no role in this and that it should not be participating in it.

The House participates when it wants to, and I am asking the House to participate and investigate in this the same way you did when you decided that somehow it was improper for us to stream from the House on this issue.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman yields back.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. No, I don't yield back.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman's time has expired. The gentlewoman is no longer recognized.

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#### IN SUPPORT OF NOMINATION OF SECRETARY OF EDUCATION BETSY DEVOS

(Mr. TROTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to voice my strong support for President-elect Trump's outstanding choice for Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos.

A fellow Michigander, Betsy has worked tirelessly on behalf of the children of our country, striving to improve education and return authority back to those who know best—parents and the States. Not only has Michigan benefited from her efforts, but she has worked across the country to improve test scores and promote the highest level of academic achievement. She is committed to not only promoting strong schools, but she has also worked on an individual basis by personally mentoring children and interacting with their parents.

I have no doubt that Betsy will continue to be a strong advocate for our children and that she will ensure that our education is as it should be—the greatest in the world.

#### THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WORKS

(Mr. BROWN of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

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Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of the residents of Maryland's Fourth Congressional District to say that the Affordable Care Act works. It has improved the health of thousands of men, women, and children in my district, and it has also reduced the level of uncompensated care in our community hospitals.

Repealing the Affordable Care Act will result in more uninsured patients, and more uninsured people will drive up costs for everyone. Community hospitals, such as MedStar Health and Anne Arundel Medical Center, will be forced to lay off doctors and nurses. Major medical centers, like John Hopkins and the University of Maryland, will be forced to cut back investments in research that we so desperately need to fight cancer, to treat diabetes, and to reduce infant mortality.

In the Fourth Congressional District, we are on the verge of establishing a new regional medical center that will both improve the quality of care throughout the National Capital Region and will create thousands of healthcare-related jobs in my district.

Mr. Speaker, repealing the Affordable Care Act is simply wrong. Hospital services will be reduced, local economies will be weakened, and job losses will follow. Let's protect our care and protect our jobs.

#### HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

In my home State of California, human trafficking is a notoriously large and dangerous industry, with over 300 reported cases of trafficking that involved children, teens, and young adults last year, including the very mysterious case that happened in November, that of Sherri Papini from Shasta County, who may or may not have been drawn into this. Fortunately, she was released on Thanksgiving Day. Indeed, the whole State is thankful for her release and that she didn't get caught in that horrible system.

We must do more to stop this human trafficking. That is why I am a proud supporter of H.R. 440, the SHAME Act, which was introduced by my colleague, Mr. POE of Texas. The bill makes public the names and pictures of criminals who have been convicted of buying sex from a minor or from a sex trafficking victim—stripping their anonymity and sentencing them to the public humiliation they deserve for their despicable acts.

I believe the SHAME Act will help to discourage participation in further human trafficking and will lead to a safer environment for our children in America. We must combat this now—

indeed, a very dangerous and immoral problem.

#### REPEAL OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, we are less than 2 weeks into the start of the new Congress and Republicans are already trying to make good on their central campaign promise to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

Regrettably, it is a promise that will cause more than 30 million Americans and at least 86,000 Rhode Islanders to lose their health coverage. It will increase prescription drug costs for almost 16,000 Ocean State seniors, and it will cost Rhode Island an estimated 12,000 jobs in 2019, according to a recent report by The Commonwealth Fund and George Washington University.

Mr. Speaker, the Republicans' promise to repeal the Affordable Care Act will have devastating consequences for healthcare providers, patients, families, and even employers. I have long said that ObamaCare isn't perfect, and I am willing to work in a bipartisan manner to improve it—a task we have tried to accomplish for years without Republican cooperation.

Mr. Speaker, the budget resolution the Republicans are jamming through Congress now is anything but bipartisan. I pledge to do everything in my power to fight their cynical attempts to revoke the health coverage of thousands of Rhode Islanders and of millions of Americans who need it and who depend on it.

#### IN SUPPORT OF NOMINATION OF SECRETARY OF EDUCATION BETSY DEVOS

(Mr. WALBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, for too long, Washington has spent education dollars by building bureaucracy instead of by advancing opportunities for our children.

As a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, I believe we must change the status quo and restore local control in education. We need someone to lead the Department of Education and to work with Congress and leave decisionmaking in the hands of parents and local communities, not in Washington. Betsy DeVos is that person.

She has dedicated her life to fighting for children in Michigan. She has been a tireless advocate for giving families choices and for ensuring our kids have access to quality education, including in public schools, regardless of their Zip Codes. She has a heart for children and will be a champion for every student in America.

I encourage the Senate to confirm her quickly so that, together, we can

get to work on ensuring a high-quality education is within reach for every child.

#### IN MEMORY OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LENO BRADBY

(Mr. McKEACHIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. McKEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, I trespass on the time of the House today to honor the life and legacy of Mr. Leno Bradby.

Mr. Bradby was a true leader of our community—a community in the Fourth Congressional District, known as Charles City County. He was an active member of his NAACP chapter, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, as well as being a member of the Charles City County Democratic Committee.

Mr. Bradby dedicated his time to helping folks vote by supporting voter registration and voter education efforts in our district. He regularly volunteered at the polling locations and provided community members with transportation to cast their ballots. I know that his presence was greatly missed in a special election that was held within our district yesterday.

It is sad to see a devout and active member of our community leave us, but his legacy will live on with his fellow community members. This is a great loss to Charles City County.

#### IN SUPPORT OF NOMINATION OF SECRETARY OF EDUCATION BETSY DEVOS

(Mr. HUIZENGA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to support my friend Betsy DeVos, President-elect Trump's nominee to serve as the next Secretary for the Department of Education.

Betsy is a passionate and dedicated servant with a big heart for kids. She is a grandmother of five who has made it her life's mission to ensure that all children in America have access to a quality education no matter what their ZIP Codes are. Betsy has fought for children in classrooms to State capitals, and her efforts have given more kids hope for a brighter future. In our shared home State of Michigan, Betsy led the effort to pass the State's first charter school law. According to Stanford University, Michigan's charter school students now perform at a higher level than do their peers.

I witnessed Betsy's creativity and discipline firsthand when we served together on the board of the Compass College of Cinematic Arts, a Grand Rapids, Michigan-based film school and production company. We implemented rigorous standards that set Compass up for accreditation, and it now holds them accountable.